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To authorize funding within the Department of the Interior to implement the plan of the Steel Industry Heritage Project, and for other purposes.

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Mr. COYNE (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANTORUM, and Mr. KLINK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS AND OBJECTIVES.**

4 (a) FINDINGS.—The Congress finds that—

5 (1) the industrial and cultural heritage of
6 Southwestern Pennsylvania, including the City of
7 Pittsburgh, and the counties of Allegheny, Beaver,
8 Fayette, Greene, Washington, and Westmoreland,

1 related directly to steel and steel-related industries,
2 is nationally significant;

3 (2) these industries include steel making, iron
4 making, aluminum, specialty metals, glass, coal min-
5 ing, coke production, machining and foundries,
6 transportation, and electrical;

7 (3) the industrial and cultural heritage of the
8 steel and related industries in this region includes
9 the social history and living cultural traditions of the
10 region's people;

11 (4) the region's labor movement played a sig-
12 nificant role in the development of the Nation, in-
13 cluding the formation of many key unions such as
14 the Congress of Industrial Organizations (CIO) and
15 the United Steel Workers of America (USWA), and
16 crucial struggles to improve wages and working con-
17 ditions, such as the Rail Strike of 1877, the Home-
18 stead Strike of 1892 and the Great Steel Strike of
19 1919; and

20 (5) the Department of the Interior is respon-
21 sible for protecting the Nation's cultural and historic
22 resources, and there are significant examples of
23 these resources, within this six-county region to
24 merit the involvement of the Federal Government to
25 develop programs and projects, in cooperation with

1 the Steel Industry Heritage Task Force, the Com-
2 monwealth of Pennsylvania, and other local and gov-
3 ernmental bodies, to adequately conserve, protect,
4 and interpret this heritage for future generations,
5 while providing opportunities for education and
6 revitalization.

7 (b) OBJECTIVES.—The objectives of the Steel Indus-
8 try Heritage project are—

9 (1) to foster a close working relationship with
10 all levels of government, the private sector, and the
11 communities and empower the communities to con-
12 serve their heritage while continuing to pursue eco-
13 nomic opportunities;

14 (2) to identify, define, and propose those sites
15 or areas of national historic significance that should
16 receive Federal financial assistance, technical assist-
17 ance, or national designation; and

18 (3) to conserve, interpret, and develop the his-
19 torical, cultural, natural, and recreational resources
20 related to the industrial and cultural heritage of the
21 six-county region of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

22 **SEC. 2. AUTHORIZATION.**

23 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior
24 (hereinafter referred to as the Secretary) shall review and
25 approve the document prepared pursuant to section

1 104(d) of Public Law 100–698 (102 Stat. 4621) entitled
2 “Concept Plan; Steel Industry Heritage Project” (herein-
3 after referred to as the “Concept Plan”), and shall ap-
4 prove projects consistent with the purpose of this Act.

5 (b) STEEL INDUSTRY HERITAGE TASK FORCE
6 ROLE.—Consistent with this Act, the Secretary is author-
7 ized to enter into consultative agreements with the Steel
8 Industry Heritage Task Force (hereinafter referred to as
9 the “Task Force”) on projects and studies necessary to
10 fulfill the Concept Plan. The Task Force is authorized to
11 receive appropriations through the Department of the In-
12 terior for projects and studies within the region of South-
13 western Pennsylvania comprising the geographical area
14 within the counties of Allegheny, Beaver, Fayette, Greene,
15 Washington, and Westmoreland shown on a boundary map
16 based on the project criteria established in the Concept
17 Plan.

18 (c) NATIONAL PARK SERVICE ROLE.—In cooperation
19 with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the Task
20 Force, the Secretary shall undertake those plans and stud-
21 ies, including studies of alternatives, special resources
22 studies and new area studies, and management action
23 plans, necessary to determine and identify the appropriate
24 role of the Federal Government, through the National
25 Park Service, in conserving and interpreting the history

1 of the region. The Historic American Building Survey/His-
2 toric American Engineering Record shall conduct those
3 studies necessary to document the industrial, engineering,
4 building, and architectural history of the region.

5 **SEC. 3. FUNDING.**

6 There is authorized to be appropriated such sums as
7 may be necessary to carry out this Act.

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